

2,500 STRIKING MINERS TO BE SUED IN CIVIL COURTS

Company Wants Damage for Violation of Contract.

SIGNED U. M. W. SCALE

Then the Men Presented a New One and Struck to Enforce It.

(By Associated Press)
PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Oct. 24.—The Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Coke company whose mines here are closed by a strike of 2,500 miners who presented a new scale after the company had signed the scale of the United Mine Workers of America, announced today that suit would be filed against each miner and the local union of which they are members asking damages because of the suspension.

The companies' lawyers are now engaged in framing the petition which alleges that the men violated the agreement signed April 15 last in Philadelphia when they quit work demanding a new scale.

It contends that the United Mine Workers are just as liable for a breach of contract as any responsible corporation or individual.

Bacteria Now at Mercy of Red Cross

LOCAL SOCIETY RECEIVES PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION BY MISS ELIZABETH VOAK

"Bacteria and Their Relation to Health" was the subject discussed this afternoon at the first meeting of the class organized recently by the Red Cross society to receive theoretical and practical instruction in the care of the sick and wounded.

The class met this afternoon at four o'clock at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Roger Kingsland, on Walnut avenue, and Miss Elizabeth Voak, the local Red Cross nurse, instructed the class and will continue in this work through the course of 15 lessons. The lesson period is one and one-half hours and during that time both the theoretical and practical side of the subject is discussed and demonstrated.

The object of the class is to train women in the care of the sick and wounded in the home and to prevent contagion and disease wherever possible. The class today entered into the work with enthusiasm.

MRS. M'CLUNG HAS PERSUASIVE TONGUE

Suffrage "Flying Squadron" Will Be In Fairmont Tonight.

Mrs. Nellie L. McClung of Alberta, Canada, the best known woman in Canada and one of the most prominent suffragists in the movement will speak in the Circuit court room tonight.

A writer, speaker and politician, Mrs. McClung has approached suffrage from every angle, and has become famous for her ability not only to convert anti-suffragists but also to persuade legislatures that woman suffrage is the great and immediate issue in Canadian politics.

Mrs. McClung is known for her unfailing sense of humor and good nature. An anti once wrote by way of a tribute to her:

"I do not care the least fraction of a farthing for a vote, and would consider the franchise a burden, but if Mrs. McClung would like votes, she should have a whole basket of them, tied with pink ribbon and accompanied with Killarney roses."

Mrs. McClung of the "Flying Squadron" which is making a trip through West Virginia in the interest of the suffrage amendment. Beside Mrs. McClung who will speak, Mrs. Flora Williams of Wheeling, a soprano singer of ability, will sing at this meeting tonight and Howard Swisher of Morgantown, well known in this city, will also speak. This same squadron of people visited Parkersburg recently and took the city by storm. The meeting tonight will begin promptly at eight o'clock and the public is invited to be present.

Hon. Ira L. Smith, city commissioner will introduce the speaker tonight and Miss Amy Rice head of the music department of the Normal school will be the pianist for the evening. A piano for the meeting has been donated by the firm of C. A. House & Co.

Put some new blood in the county government and stop the favoritism. Elect Republican candidates.

Hospital Donation Day is Friday Nov. 27

WOMEN WANT PUBLIC TO CONTRIBUTE JAMS, PICKLES AND PRESERVES

November 27 will be Donation day at Cook hospital and the public is asked to contribute to the hospital on that day canned fruit, preserves, jellies, jams and pickles. The affair is under the auspices of the Woman's Hospital association, but anybody outside of the association who would like to contribute fruit, etc., for the use of the hospital will be asked to make their donations on November 27.

All the members of the association are urged to affiliate with the movement and to contribute at least a jar of some kind of fruit. On the afternoon of November 27 which is the regular meeting day of the association members of the association will be on hand to receive the gifts.

Earthquake Caused Bad Mine Disaster

EARTH FISSURE CAUSED BY SHOCK LET GAS FLOW INTO MINE.

(By Associated Press)
MARVEL, Alabama, Oct. 24.—Gas which entered the Iroden mine through an earth fissure caused by the recent earth shock felt in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee is believed by investigating experts to have been the cause of the explosion Sunday which killed 18 men and resulted in the death of a rescuer. The extent of the damage has not been estimated.

CHILTON'S CHANCE, NEVER VERY GOOD, WAS TRADED AWAY

Democrats Toss Him Overboard in an Effort to Save Cornwell.

With the election just two weeks away to the day conditions are beginning to shape up for the final dash and if the pikers who never bet unless they can back a sure thing want a straight tip from the town which believes the whole works of the Democratic campaign in this state here it is:

William Edwin Chilton, Democrat, habitant Charleston on the Kanawha, who wants to be re-elected to the United States Senate, is a licked man, and the Democrats who are putting up the money and otherwise running the campaign know it, and have known it for the past ten days.

Chilton never was a strong man with the people and what was worse for his chances of being elected is that the powers that be in the Democratic party were never strong for him. They took him because there was no way out of it. He was given him the sort of a deal that they handed out to poor old Colonel McGraw but they never were enthusiastic about him and when the four cornered senatorial fight in the nomination of Sutherland, a man strong with the people in all parties and practically unbeatable they just tossed Chilton overboard.

That would have been bad enough but some time since, just how long ago it is impossible yet to determine, an organized movement to trade Chilton for Cornwell votes began. It was done very adroitly and even the Republicans did not suspect that it was going on until very recently. It is believed here that the trading Mr. Chilton has not found it out yet, although he may have some very strong suspicions and is lying low in the hope that he can get some brass tacks evidence.

Little good that would do him. His goose is cooked, and it is altogether probable that they would not take the trouble to deny it if he came here to make a protest at the state headquarters.

The effort to elect Cornwell is one of the most earnest that the Democrats of West Virginia have made in years and there is a prospect that others will be sacrificed to political necessity and that all the candidates on the ticket will find evidence of base ingratitude in the returns when they are made up so that they can be analyzed. Even the head of the ticket is not safe. The battle cry is "elect Cornwell no matter how much it costs."

W. Va. Guardsmen Can't Vote on Border

(By Associated Press)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 24.—Soldiers of the West Virginia National guard on duty on the border will not vote at this coming general election unless they return to their home precincts and cast their ballots.

This announcement was made today by the secretary of state in response to a question. West Virginia, unlike a number of other states, has no law governing the ballot privilege for troops in the field.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.
LONDON, Oct. 24.—The 4,200 tons British steamship Midland has been sunk.

MOUNTED ESCORT TO GREET JUDGE ROBINSON HERE

Big Parade Will Be Held in Fairmont Next Friday.

SPEAKS AT MANNINGTON

Hundreds Planning to Hear Afternoon Address at Court House.

Judge Ira E. Robinson, who has been spending the past week in the southern part of the state with such good results, will invade Marion county this week, speaking at Fairmont on the afternoon of Friday the 27th, and at Mannington that night. It had been the intention of the Marion county committee to have Judge Robinson make only one address in this county but the requests from the upper end of Marion have been so strong that a date has been arranged there.

The Fairmont meeting will be held at the court house on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and while the date has only been arranged and little time given for advertising, it is the expectation that the crowd will be one of the largest that ever assembled in Fairmont for a political gathering.

Judge Robinson's meetings have been breaking attendance records in most of the counties in the southern part of West Virginia, and his unusual popularity in Marion will undoubtedly bring like crowds here. The Republican club of the Normal school has announced its intention of attending the Robinson meeting in a body. The Hughes club will also meet at their rooms in the Watson hotel, and will march to the court house in a body.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting here will be the parade of mounted citizens and automobiles that will escort Judge Robinson to the court house where he is to speak.

All of the delegations from Winfield, Union and Paw Paw districts will come to Fairmont on horseback and will ride in a body in the parade. Each of the district parties will be under their own marshal and the cavalcade is expected to contain several hundred horses. The majority of the horses owned in the county are from these districts.

More than fifty automobiles belonging to Fairmont Republicans have already been promised for the parade. These will follow the horses and carry many of the older voters who will turn out to hear the next governor.

Besides the mounted cavalcade and the automobile escort that will greet Judge Robinson when he appears here, it is planned to have a band, and the Pierpont Post Drug Corps, which is composed of enthusiastic Republicans, will also likely be on hand.

In case the weather is pleasant the meeting will likely be an outdoor one as it is feared that the circuit court room will not be large enough to accommodate all of the voters who will turn out to hear Judge Robinson.

HIGH COURT HOLDS PRIMARY LAW VALID

Prohibitionists Lose Out, Voters Signature Provision Stands.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 24.—No political party organization not comprehended within the definition found in section 1 of the primary election law when properly interpreted, can participate in the general election. This was determined by the Supreme Court of Appeals today in refusing a peremptory writ of mandamus on petition of Cunningham and others against Cokely, circuit clerk of Ritchie county, and the board of election commissioners.

This decision prevents the placing of the prohibition party ticket on the West Virginia ballot. Judge Lynch, who wrote the opinions announced from the bench that in those counties where the ticket has already been printed the ballot will not be vitiated.

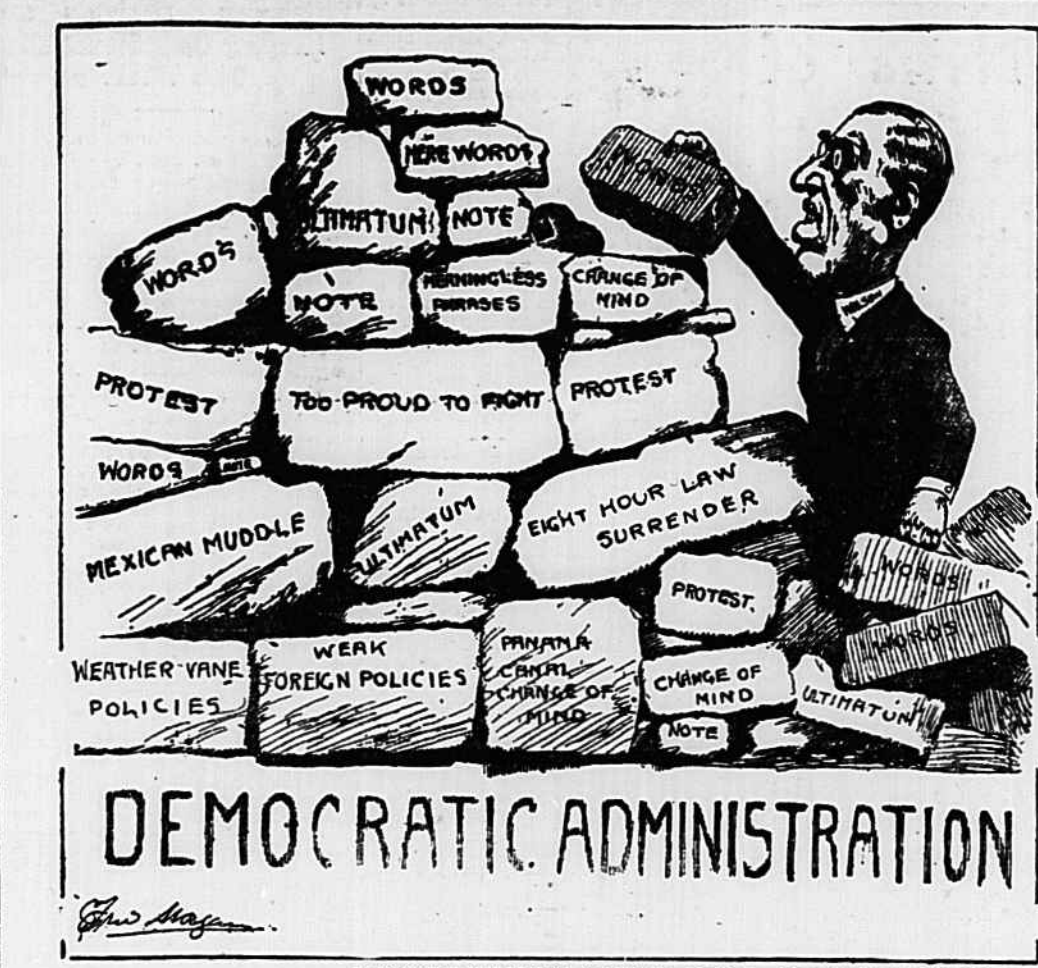
The constitutionality of the primary election law provision which provides that a voter shall announce his name and sign his name and place of residence in a book of the party whose ballot he wishes to cast, aside from subscribing to an oath verifying his party affiliation, was declared today by the Supreme court of Appeals. The decision was rendered when the court affirmed the Circuit court of Logan county in the case of Baer against Gore.

The Weather

West Virginia — Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; Wednesday rain.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS, F. P. Hall, Observer.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 32. Yesterday's weather: clear; temperature, maximum, 70; minimum, 30; precipitation, none.



PRESIDENT WILSON AS A MAN OF ACTION — Copyright, 1916, by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Cartoon by MORGAN in The Philadelphia Inquirer.

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED AT H. S.

Are Now Thoroughly Organized for Work of School Year.

The various classes of the Fairmont High school held a meeting recently and elected officers to serve during the school year of 1916-17. The classes are thoroughly organized at this time and the work of each class is progressing nicely. Each class this year has a large enrollment.

The officers elected are as follows: Senior Class—President, Robert Hawkins; vice president, Russell Meredith; secretary, Miss Lucile Fisher; treasurer, Bernard Ginkle; representative athletic board of control, Russell Meredith; historian, Miss Edith Lee; member of student council, Howard Wadsworth and Mary Romano.

Junior class—President, Archie Meredith; vice president, Raymond Salvati; secretary, Miss Olive Crush; treasurer, Miss Pauline Reed; member athletic board of control, Matthew Turkovich; members of student council, Hugh Jones and Miss Pearl Griffith.

Sophomore class—President, Walter Smouse; vice president, Brock Shewalter; secretary, Miss Katherine Arnett; treasurer, Forest Knight; member athletic board of control, Donzel Smallwood; members student council, Russell Johnson and Charles Loar.

Freshman class—President, Miss Fern Snider; vice president, George Arnett; secretary, Miss Virginia Wilson; treasurer, Paul Andre.

The Athletic Board of Control of the Fairmont High school held a meeting today and named a student manager and a faculty manager to serve during the school year of 1916-17. Ernest J. Hawkins was named as the faculty manager and Russell Sturm as the student manager.

Railroad Strike in Canada Threatened

(By Associated Press)
OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 24.—With movement of troops, munitions and crops involved in the threatened strike of the men of the Canadian Pacific railroad the ministers of the government assembled today at an emergency cabinet meeting to deal with the situation. The government is endeavoring to formulate a plan to avert a tie up in the system which extends across the Dominion.

The trainmen voted that a strike shall begin Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Efforts to bring men and company together and to induce employees to defer action in order to provide time for a discussion have failed.

Serbs Are Winning In Macedonia

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Oct. 24.—Serbian troops operating in the Cerna region on the Macedonian front have won a new success according to today's announcement by the war office.

A counter attack launched by German and Bulgarian troops was stopped by Serbian artillery. The Serbs then attacked the opposing line and captured several trenches.

On the Struma front there is in activity. River floods are interfering with the movement of troops.

FLOUR PRICES INCREASE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 24.—Flour prices continued to rise here today. Fancy patents were quoted at \$9.75 per barrel an increase of 15 cents over yesterday.

TWO MORE BODIES ARE REMOVED FROM MINE NO. 7

Frank Higginbotham and Harry Drennen Brought Out Last Night.

With the recovery of the bodies of Frank Higginbotham and Harry Drennen from the interior of Jamison mine No. 7 last night there are but six bodies left in the mine. The total number of dead thus far taken from the mine is five, four of them losing their lives by the explosion which wrecked the mine and one, L. M. Jones, leader of a rescue party.

Higginbotham was brought to the surface at 11 o'clock last night and the body sent to the R. L. Cunningham morgue where it was prepared for burial. The remains were interred at two o'clock this afternoon at Maple Grove cemetery, the funeral taking place from the home of Mr. Higginbotham's father in law, Daniel Fleming, near Tucker Station, Rev. J. C. Broomfield conducting the services.

Higginbotham's body was found by the brattice and air party as it was working its way into the remote sections of the mine.

The body of Drennen was found shortly before the body of Higginbotham. It was sent to the Jones Undertaking parlors, where after being prepared for burial it was shipped to White Rock cemetery at 1 o'clock where interment was made. Drennen was aged 35 and married. Higginbotham was 29 and married Rev. C. D. Mitchell conducted the services over the body of Drennen.

Slate Fall Kills Man in Jamison No. 9

John Seese, miner employed at Jamison No. 9, near Farmington, suffered a broken back and left lung crushed yesterday when he was struck with a fall of slate. He was brought to Miner's Hospital No. 3 where he died last night. Seese was a Hungarian aged 36, and leaves a wife and five children. The remains will be interred tomorrow afternoon at Maple Grove cemetery.

Candidate Hughes in New York Tonight

(By Associated Press)
MONT CLAIR, N. J., Oct. 24.—Charles E. Hughes, who has been resting here for a few days from campaign activity leaves late today for New York City where he will make three speeches tonight and one speech in Brooklyn tomorrow night.

He will confer in New York with Wm. R. Willcox, Republican National chairman.

BETHLEHEM STEEL SOARS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Bethlehem Steel superceded United States Steel and all other stocks in speculative interest on the stock market today rising 40 points to the new high record of 625 in the course of the first half hour's trading. This exceeds its previous record by 25 points.

HORSE KILLED.

Harold Tetric, of State street, lost a bay horse yesterday afternoon. While riding the animal across the river bridge it became frightened and backed into the East Side car. One of its hind legs was broken at the joint, necessitating its being shot by the police.

MORE RUMANIAN TOWNS ARE TAKEN

Mackensens Forces Also Have Taken Many Prisoners Along Danube.

BERLIN (wireless to Sayville) Oct. 24.—Capture of the Rumanian town of Rashova in Dobruja on the Danube below Tchernavoda was announced today by the War office. Medjidie on the Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad also has been captured.

The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has taken prisoner more than 6,700 Rumanians and Russians. German and Austro-Hungarian forces after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt Transylvania yesterday captured Predeal as the announcement 600 prisoners were taken.

BUCHAREST, via London, Oct. 24.—Rumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Oltuz front, near Transylvania Rumanian border.

The war office announces the capture of 10 machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

U. S. Army Has New And Wonderful Bullet

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Army officers who have observed the tests of the new armour piercing bullet now in progress at the Sandy Hook proving ground are enthusiastic over the result. The bullet is of only .30 calibre and can be fired from the regulation army Springfield rifle.

At a distance of 50 yards the projectile ploughed through a sheet of steel three-fourths of an inch thick and then penetrated a silhouette target planted behind the steel plate. It is believed that one of the new bullets could be fired clean through from 10 to 20 men standing in a row.

City Hall Notes

Suffrage signs pasted up in the office of the city treasurer were torn down because the men in that office are against the women voting. They allow and permitted signs of Woodrow Wilson, Cornwell and Neely to stick in the windows of the city treasury office which was built by all taxpayers in the city.

Patsy Franco, driving the city truck this morning on Fairmont avenue between Second and Third streets struck the rear end of Paul Haymond's Hupmobile and smashed the rear end. The Hup was shoved into the rear of Zach Robinson's Buick and damaged it somewhat. Patsy claims that he "no get stopped" his car, and the man ahead stopped too fast.

A Ford car owned by H. H. Harken of Mannington, was left standing on the Barrackville road a few nights ago. Today the owner says that some one stole the set of C. & J. tires, two globe tires, set of side curtains and four inner tubes and tool box. The thief left the car. The police are investigating.

Ross Severn, who has been detained in jail here for the past week left this afternoon accompanied by his mother for Pennsboro near Parkersburg.

Do you want the people to rule and county government that is on the level? Vote for the Republican county candidates.

DEMOCRATS TRY TO MAKE RELIGION CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Are Taking a Religious Census for Political Use.

FOLLOWS BID FOR JEWS

Letters to Workers About the Scheme Marked Confidential

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The Republican National committee has received evidence that the Democratic campaign managers are undertaking to effect a religious census for political use at the very time that, for public consumption, they are vociferously decrying the injection of the "religious issue" into the campaign.

It was only a short time ago that Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the Democratic Finance committee, sent out a special appeal to Jews to support President Wilson on the direct purchase and sale argument that Mr. Wilson has appointed a Jew to the United States Supreme Court and done other things specially favorable to Jews. Now comes this religious census, avowedly laying the ground work for a new appeal that will be differentiated according to the results of the census.

The Democratic managers want to know the religious affiliations of the voters so that "suitable literature" may be sent to them. The scheme is not even thinly veiled. It is a bald attempt to make political capital out of any strong religious prejudices which the proposed census may reveal to the Democratic National committee.

Some time ago the Democratic National committee sent out to postmasters everywhere copies of a document entitled "The Wilson Victory Manual." Now this is followed, naturally, by a flood of letters to Democratic "workers" asking their help in taking this religious census. These letters are marked "confidential," and are on stationery of the Democratic National committee, dated at New York, and sent from the office of "Daniel C. Roper, chairman of organization." This is the man who was first assistant postmaster general until this campaign opened, and who resigned that post to take the job as part of which he sends out this appeal for a religious census.

Mr. Roper writes that he wants, for the Democratic National committee, "the names and addresses of any persons who should have personal letters to them or to whom appropriate literature should be mailed." Mr. Roper adds that he is sending certain "special lists" on which the workers branch letter "on which the National committee 'the names of any doubtful voters (in accordance with the headings on the sheet) to whom letters should be written or literature be sent." The "special list" is a blank divided into two parts, which contains seven columns, one is headed "Republicans, Progressives and Independents favorable to Wilson," the other is headed "Other Republicans, Progressives and Independents who through appropriate literature may be persuaded to vote for Wilson." At the top of each of the seven columns is a caption describing the information desired. These headings are, 1, Politics; 2, Names; 3, Postoffice; 4, Occupation; 5, Nationality; 6, Religion; 7, Distributing issue, if any.

The covering letter from Mr. Roper makes it clear to the worker who receives it that the Democratic National committee will reward him suitably for his efforts. The Democratic National committee has waited until the last weeks of the campaign to attempt this special injection of religious issues, with the obvious purpose of avoiding detection if possible. Mr. Roper is not as open in his appeal to religious prejudice as his colleague, Mr. Morgenthau, but their purpose is just the same.

TONIGHT "Just Folks"

The made in Fairmont Picture. Two Reels. GRAND THEATRE Fifteen Cents

NOTICE

City taxes are now due and payable at the City Treasurer's Office, Monroe street. A discount of 2 1/2% will be allowed.

J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.